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Skinner announces summer study for methamphetamine solutions

INDIANAPOLIS— State Senator Tim Skinner (D-Terre Haute) announced today that a legislative study committee has been charged with the review of improving efforts to fight methamphetamine production and use in Indiana. Skinner said the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee was assigned with a study of the issue, along with several other topics, yesterday by the Indiana General Assembly's Legislative Council. The committee is expected to report findings this fall and make recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

"My hope is that the study committee can provide us with recommendations to target the right people when it comes to the unlawful purchase of pseudoephedrine for methamphetamine production," said Skinner. "There are laws in place that have limited the amount of ephedrine a single person can purchase, but something needs to be done to start an interstate tracking system of ephedrine purchases."

Specifically, the committee is charged with studying the effects of methamphetamine on state and local governments and individuals, the implementation and effectiveness of a pseudoephedrine tracking system, and whether ephedrine and pseudoephedrine should be classified as controlled substances available by prescription only.

Skinner said that he hopes that the committee's review will consider recommendations on how to effectively track the ephedrine purchases not only within Indiana, but tie Indiana's system into those of neighboring states to enhance the ability to monitor purchases in border communities.

This study was assigned as part of a new law Skinner co-sponsored this year, [House Enrolled Act 1320](#), which prohibits a retailer from selling, and a purchaser from purchasing, more than 3.6 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine on one day, or nine grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in a 30-day period.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/interim.

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